

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-18 (Cancelled)

19. (New)

1 A package that includes a container and a closure for securement to said
2 container,
3 at least one of said closure and said container being of molded plastic
4 construction and having a plurality of microparticle taggants embedded therein as molded,
5 said microparticle taggants having multiple colored layers to provide a code
6 for identifying said package.

20. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 19 wherein said at least one of said closure
2 and said container has a wall of multilayer construction as molded, and wherein said
3 microparticle taggants are embedded in at least one layer of said wall.

21. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 20 wherein said wall has surface layers and
2 at least one intermediate layer, and wherein said microparticle taggants are embedded in
3 said at least one intermediate layer.

22. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 21 wherein said wall has multiple intermediate
2 layers and said microparticle taggants are embedded in one of said intermediate layers.

23. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 21 wherein said at least one intermediate layer
2 is of barrier resin construction.

24. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 19 wherein said taggants include at least one
2 of a fluorescing agent and a magnetic charge to enable initial detection of presence of said
3 taggants.

25. (New)

1 A method of making a packaging component that is a closure or a container,
2 which includes the steps of:

3 (a) blending with a plastic resin a plurality of microparticle taggants having
4 multiple colored layers, and

5 (b) molding said packaging component from said resin such that said
6 microparticle taggants are embedded in said packaging component as molded.

26. (New)

1 A molded plastic container that includes at least one layer of plastic material
2 and a plurality of microparticle taggants embedded in said layer as molded, said taggants
3 having colored layers to provide a code for identifying the container.

27. (New)

1 The container set forth in claim 26 wherein said container has a body with
2 multiple plastic layers, and wherein said microparticle taggants are disposed in at least one
3 of said layers.

28. (New)

1 The container set forth in claim 27 wherein said layers include two outer
2 layers and at least one intermediate layer, with said taggants being disposed in said
3 intermediate layer.

29. (New)

1 A closure that includes a shell of molded plastic construction and having a
2 plurality of microparticle taggants embedded in said shell as molded, said microparticle
3 taggants including multiple color layers.

30. (New)

1 A closure that includes a shell of molded plastic construction, a liner disposed
2 within said shell, and a plurality of microparticle taggants having multiple color layers
3 embedded within said shell, said liner, or within both said shell and said liner.